

NTAA / EPA Tribal Air Call Minutes

May 8th, 2007

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm eastern standard time

(866) 299-3188

Conference code – 919 541 5624#

EPA Attendees:

Laura McKelvey
Yvonne Johnson
Tami Laplante
Christine Davis
Larry Wallace
Barbara Driscoll
Amy Vasu
Julie McClintock
Erika Sasser
Rich Damburg
Darrel Harmon

Tribal Attendees:

Ken Kronin
Natalene Cummings
Gary Richardson
Maureen Zeise
Mel Joseph
Denice Morpew
Clay Bravo
Eugenia Katona
Don Bay
Ashley Manual
Mike Brand
Chris Lee
Cisney Havatone

Laura McKelvey opened up the call with a request for people to join two different workgroups: Designation/Implementation Workgroup and the Tribal NSR Workgroup. Tribal input is needed in these areas. Interested individuals should contact Laura for more information mckelvey.laura@epa.gov, (919) 541-5497 or Tami Laplante, laplante.tami@epa.gov, (919) 541-1915.

Christine Davis gave a short overview of the ecosystem project she is currently working on and would like input from the tribes to see if there are other ecosystems of value to the tribes. She may be contacted by e-mail davis.christine@epa.gov or (919) 541-1565.

Barbara Driscoll reported on the designation guidance. New standards are done every five years. Tribes are not required to respond but EPA does need tribal recommendations. There is a timeline for the PM_{2.5} NAAQS Implementation which can be viewed on the OAR Tribal web site – www.epa.gov/oar/tribal/NTAACall.html - and click on PM 2.5 Implementation Rule Presentation. Further questions can be directed to Barbara Driscoll at (919) 541-5135, driscoll.barbara@epa.gov.

Larry Wallace spoke on Exceptional Events. Memo was finalized on March 22nd and will go into effect on May 21st. Larry discussed what an exceptional event is, key requirements, which pollutants, etc. His talking points are also on the OAR tribal web site: <http://www.epa.gov/air/tribal/NTAACall.html> - should you have any questions, please contact Larry Wallace – (919) 541-0906, Wallace.larry@epa.gov.

Erika Sasser gave her presentation on the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone (NAAQS) which highlighted the new scientific evidence on ozone impacts. Her presentation is on the OAR website as well. Erika can be reached at (919) 541-3889, sasser.erika@epa.gov.

Rich Damberg spoke on how areas can reach attainment. His contact information is (919) 541-5592, damberg.rich@epa.gov.

A time for future calls was discussed and we will try for the second Wednesdays of each month. Tami will schedule the next call and subsequent calls soon.

Any questions or comments please direct them to Tami Laplante, (919) 541-1915, laplante.tami@epa.gov. And please let us know if we've misspelled anyone's name.